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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ZAIRE: COOPERATION FROM MOBUTU

ZAIRIAN PRESIDENT MOBUTU TOLD DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE DURING A MARCH 5 MEETING ON MOBUTU'S RIVERBOAT THAT HE WAS DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT TOUGH MEASURES TO STABILIZE ZAIRE'S ECONOMY, AND ASKED FOR CONTINUED US HELP. MOBUTU SAID HE REMAINS READY TO ADVISE AND SUPPORT THE US ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, HE:

--STRESSED HIS NEED FOR MILITARY AID, REFERRING TO BUILDUPS OF ARMOR IN ANGOLA AND BRAZZAVILLE;

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--REITERATED HIS DECISION NOT TO RENEW PAN AMERICAN'S CONTRACT TO OPERATE AIR ZAIRE;

--EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH US POLICIES TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA; AND

--SAID HE DOUBTS ANGOLA WILL SOON BE WILLING TO
IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: MOBUTU CLEARLY NEEDS OUR AID, AND IS
READY TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH US ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN
PROBLEMS. HIS ABILITY TO INFLUENCE EVENTS THERE IS
LIMITED, BUT HE IS WILLING TO WORK AT LEAST PRIVATELY
WITH OTHER AFRICANS TO SUPPORT MODERATE SOLUTIONS.(CONFI-
DENTIAL) KINSHASA 1914, 3/7 (LIMDIS)

2. BONN: HANDLING AMALRIK'S VISIT DEFTLY

EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THAT SOVIET DISSIDENT ANDREI AMALRIK'S
VISIT TO BONN HAS GONE WELL FOR ALL CONCERNED. AMALRIK
MET WITH OPPOSITION LEADER KOHL ON MARCH 3 AND WELCOMED
HIS PARTY'S RECENT MOVES TO SAFEGUARD HUMAN RIGHTS. HE
THEN MET WITH MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI, WHO FOUND
HIM, ACCORDING TO A CHANCELLERY SOURCE, "MUCH MORE
REASONABLE THAN THE PRESS HAD PICTURED HIM TO BE."
NEITHER SCHMIDT NOR THE FOREIGN OFFICE, HOWEVER, PLANS TO
RECEIVE HIM.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE FRG WANTED TO SHOW A PROPER CONCERN
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE AVOIDING A SOVIET REACTION OR
STRONG ATTACKS FROM THE OPPOSITION. SO FAR, IT BELIEVES
IT HAS SUCCEEDED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BONN 4061, 3/7.

3. GUINEA: TU-95 PRESSURE NO THREAT TO US INVESTMENTS

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EMBASSY CONAKRY DOES NOT BELIEVE CONTINUED US PRESSURE ON
GUINEA TO END SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE DEPLOYMENTS FROM ITS
TERRITORY WILL JEOPARDIZE US ECONOMIC INTERESTS THERE.
RESPONDING TO A REQUEST TO ANALYZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF
GUINEAN RETALIATION FOR US USE OF PL-480 AID AS A LEVER
IN THE RECONNAISSANCE ISSUE, THE EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT:

--US INVESTMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE HALCO ALUMINUM
MINING CONSORTIUM, ARE VITAL TO THE SEKOU TOURE
REGIME.

--A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAS EMPHATICALLY DENIED
THAT GUINEA WILL LINK BILATERAL POLITICAL DIFFER-
ENCES WITH US INVESTMENT.

--IT WOULD BE SUICIDAL FOR GUINEA TO ANTAGONIZE ITS
US AND EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS WHEN THE SOVIETS
HAVE SHOWN NO WILLINGNESS TO EXPAND THEIR AID.
(SECRET) CONAKRY 368, 3/8 (EXDIS).

4. US NUCLEAR REVIEW COULD PUT UK IN QUANDARY

LONDON'S FINANCIAL TIMES CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE STORY MARCH 8 SAYING THAT A SLOWDOWN OF US NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLIES WAS THREATENING TO CLOSE SOME OF EUROPE'S MOST ADVANCED NUCLEAR FACILITIES. THE ARTICLE QUOTED DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS DENYING THAT THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SLOWDOWN AND US PRESSURE ON BONN TO ABANDON ITS PLANS TO SELL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL, BUT SAID THE FRG IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUEL FROM BRITAIN. THE FOREIGN OFFICE TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THE REPORT OF GERMAN REQUESTS FOR FUEL WAS UNTRUE, BUT ADMITTED BEING DISTURBED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN BRITAIN'S EURATOM OBLIGATIONS TO GERMANY AND HER BILATERAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 3894, 3/8.

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5. SOUTH AFRICA: MINORITIES COMPLICATE HOMELAND POLICY

EMBASSY PRETORIA REPORTS THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A "CLARIFICATION" OF ITS HOMELAND POLICY WHICH MAY ACTUALLY COMPLICATE ITS IMPLEMENTATION. JOHANNESBURG BANTU AFFAIRS CHIEF DU RANDT REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT CITIZENSHIP IN THE NEWLY-INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI WOULD BE ASSIGNED NOT ONLY TO XHOSA TRIBESMEN BUT TO SOTHO WHO ARE "CULTURALLY OR OTHERWISE ASSOCIATED WITH IT." THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT IN ADDITION TO GIVING THE GOVERNMENT WIDE AUTHORITY FOR ARBITRARY DECISIONS ON CITIZENSHIP, THIS RULING MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO ANTICIPATE THE PROBLEM OF SUBSTANTIAL MINORITIES WITHIN THE TRIBAL HOMELANDS. THE SOTHO ARE AMONG THE MOST GEOGRAPHICALLY FRAGMENTED OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BANTU TRIBES, AND HAVE AGITATED AGAINST BOTH THEIR LACK OF A SINGLE, CONSOLIDATED HOMELAND AND THEIR INCLUSION AS MINORITIES IN THE HOMELANDS OF OTHER TRIBES.

ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY, THE DECISION BRINGS TO LIGHT AN INHERENT CONTRADICTION IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOMELAND POLICY: WHILE IT IS BASED ON THE THEORY THAT EACH ETHNIC GROUP SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW ASSIGNING "NATIONALS" OF ONE, EN MASSE, TO CITIZENSHIP IN ANOTHER. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PRETORIA 1115, 3/8.

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